

prestigious award and for his many years of educating and inspiring the next generation of educators and scientists.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE  
MILITARY SERVICE OF SER-  
GEANT MAJOR JEFFREY H.  
DIXON

### HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of Sergeant Major Jeffrey H. Dixon on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Marine Corps. I offer SgtMaj Dixon my sincerest thanks for his 33 years of dedicated service in protecting our nation and safeguarding its future.

SgtMaj Dixon joined the Marine Corps in 1978 at Parris Island, South Carolina. On four separate occasions, SgtMaj Dixon was meritoriously promoted through the ranks with participation in the evacuation of a U.S. embassy, the Palestine Liberation Organization, and subsequent combat operations in Beirut, Lebanon—all within the first five years of his career.

In 1983, SgtMaj Dixon reported to 2/1 and completed a deployment as a Platoon Sergeant to Okinawa, Japan as well as a western Pacific deployment. During this tour, SgtMaj Dixon's exceptional skills were set apart when his squad won the First Marines Rifle Squad competition. Shortly following, SgtMaj Dixon was selected along with nine other Marines to form what became the Combat Assault Training Section where he designed and instructed multiple courses that are utilized to this day.

SgtMaj Dixon's additional tours of duty include Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, the 11th and 15th MEU, Operations Desert Thunder and Desert Fox, Task Force 58 in Afghanistan and Operation Iraq Freedom I & II. Throughout these deployments, SgtMaj Dixon distinguished himself by extraordinary acts of leadership time and again. Among his many accomplishments, his decorations include Meritorious Service Medals, a Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medals and a Combat Action Ribbon. These recognitions are a true testament of SgtMaj Dixon's dedication, leadership and commitment to our country.

In 2007 SgtMaj Dixon was assigned as the SgtMaj for Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton where in 2008, as a reflection of his work, the Base won the Commander and Chiefs Installation Excellence award. Moreover, SgtMaj Dixon's service in his current position as the Sergeant Major for the Marine Corps Installations West has truly been the capstone of a remarkable military career.

SgtMaj Dixon's demonstrated leadership, dedication and expertise has inspired countless fellow Marines. As he enters this new stage of his life, I hope that SgtMaj Dixon will benefit from his years of work, just as the United States Marine Corps has benefited. I offer him my congratulations and may he enjoy a rewarding retirement.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to please join me in honoring all the brave men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces, and the admirable service of Sergeant Major Jeffrey Dixon.

HONORING THE ARLINGTON FOOD  
ASSISTANCE CENTER'S (AFAC)  
PERMANENT HOME CAPITAL  
CAMPAIGN, AND KELLER WIL-  
LIAMS, ARLINGTON

### HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Arlington Food Assistance Center's (AFAC) Permanent Home Capital Campaign, and Keller Williams, Arlington, both of which are located in Virginia's Eighth Congressional District.

AFAC's Permanent Home Campaign was launched in 2008. The goals of the campaign are to pay off the mortgage of their new building, establish a capital needs fund, and pay back AFAC's modest endowment fund from which the downpayment on the building purchase was borrowed.

The Arlington Food Assistance Center has many generous and faithful friends who have assisted them in the campaign effort. They have raised \$760,000 so far, moving closer toward their \$1 million goal.

No community partner has worked as tirelessly on this effort as the Community Outreach Committee of Keller Williams, Arlington. Keller Williams has graciously hosted fundraisers for AFAC and their Permanent Home Campaign, and is now the largest donor to the Campaign—having raised over \$100,000 in 3 years.

I would like to commend the Arlington Food Assistance Center for their work on behalf of the less fortunate in Arlington County and recognize Keller Williams, Arlington, for partnering with them in support of their Permanent Home Campaign and overall mission to feed the hungry in our region.

### HONORING CLEM ROY

### HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Mr. LARSON. Mr. Speaker, the passing of Clem Roy—an old friend of mine—happened so abruptly, and struck at the core of the notion we all have of our brief time on this planet, and the importance of friends and family, and what we mean to one another.

Faith teaches us that Clem is in a better place: at peace and without suffering, while we scramble to fill the void left by his passing with stories and memories of the friend we laughed with, argued and debated with, and with whom we shared in the ups and downs of the human comedy that is life.

Two Connecticut writers—both contemporaries of Clem's—Kevin Rennie of The Hartford Courant, and Mark Pazniokas of the CT Mirror, wrote excellent pieces about Clem that I am proud to submit for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD at the same time that a flag will fly over the United States Capitol in Clem Roy's memory. These writers captured his essence.

The following are the articles as they appeared in The Hartford Courant and CT Mirror:

LOBBYIST CLEM ROY: A SHARP OPERATOR  
WITH A LOT OF HEART

(By Kevin Rennie—The Hartford Courant)

"You can read a bill and you can vote for a bill, but you shouldn't do both." So goes the wisdom of an original in Connecticut politics, Clem Roy.

A lobbyist for more than 30 years, Clem has been struck by an aggressive brain tumor diagnosed a few weeks ago. In those decades bivouacking in the Capitol village, he has fashioned a distinct, colorful legacy in the gray world of state politics.

You could tell the future by watching Clem. He was what consumer analysts call an early adopter. The first cellphones were bigger than bricks. Clem made his look like a natural accoutrement to his careful look. Hard frame briefcases were at the end of their run when Clem began carrying a Coach leather backpack. He was right that keys and a thick wallet wreck the drape of an elegant suit.

You could live by his compendium of aphorisms, which his legion of friends have been sharing as they buck up each other's flagging spirits. That is usually Clem's job.

Born in 1946 and raised in Bristol, Clem served in Vietnam from 1966 into 1967. Really served, not just told people he did on the way to a seat in the U.S. Senate. (Don't get him started on that.) He returned to the United States and worked for Robert Kennedy's 1968 presidential campaign.

He worked for a legislative committee in the late 1970s and then, without a client, became a lobbyist. His foresight expanded beyond technology and fashion. In 1981, he managed Thurman Milner's successful campaign for mayor of Hartford, helping Milner become the first black mayor of a New England city.

For more than 30 years, Clem has been a source of pungent opinions, smart insights and surprises. He represented tobacco companies at a time when the same people who gasped at the lighting of a cigarette supported making taxpayers give drug addicts free needles. He brought a sense of proportion to human weakness in its struggle against tiresome Utopians.

He has had many clients and he can argue most briefs. He knows how to create a diversion that unbalances an adversary on one issue while working with them on a different one. In a place where a governor's repetitive green ties pass for fashion, Clem Roy does it all with high style, often purchased from swank Louis, Boston.

Lobbying has been good to Clem. He can employ a gruff demeanor and a memory for slights (not the worst thing), but he has a secret. Shouldn't everyone? He is a secret Samaritan.

When a friend was celebrating a milestone and her newly married daughter could not afford to fly to Connecticut from California, Clem bought her a ticket so she could surprise her mother. The halls of government and Hartford Hospital, where he now is, reverberate with such stories.

Clem believes mixing in mannered company can help lift one's lot. A few years ago, he sent the residents of a women's shelter to a salon, told them to get dolled up and had them delivered to his favorite haunt, Max Downtown. There, compliments of Clem, they learned about what was once called deportment while the staff raised their spirits and enriched their knowledge of another part of the world.

A successful lobbyist needs a vigilant eye for detail and relentless focus. Clem possesses those attributes and his perceptions extend beyond the matter of the moment. He had an urge to lift in ways that would escape others. An advancing brain tumor did not keep him from doing one more good work.